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SUBJECT:YOUR CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA

REF: MEXICO 0776

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. I APPRECIATE THE WAY YOU HANDLED THE CUBAN AND TRADE
ACT ISSUES WITH PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA.

2. AS OPPORTUNITY ARISES, YOU SHOULD REITERATE TO RABASA,
AND TO PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA AS APPROPRIATE, THAT I SEE NO
ADVANTAGES IN HASTY ACTION ON CUBA. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE
MUCH BETTER TO DISCUSS FIRST INFORMALLY HOW WE SHOULD PRO-
CEED ON THE CUBAN QUESTION. WE MIGHT HAVE DONE THIS AT
THE BA-MFM UNTIL ITS POSTPONEMENT, BUT THE OAS-GA OFFERS
ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE REGRET THAT
MEXICO PUBLICLY CONDITIONED ITS ATTENDANCE AT BA-MFM TO A
CUBAN INVITATION.

3. PLEASE TELL PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA THAT I RECIPROCATATE
IS WARM PERSONAL REGARDS AND THAT I TOO WANT TO MAINTAIN
OUR BILATERAL, AS WELL AS MULTILATERAL DIALOGUE. MY
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SCHEDULE WILL NOT PERMIT ME TO VISIT ACAPULCO

IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE AS I WOULD LIKE, BUT I DO LOOK
FORWARD TO A VISIT IN THE FUTURE AND THE OPPORTUNITY
TO TALK PERSONALLY WITH HIM. KISSINGER

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